



PLEDGES LEADERSHIP . . . Ken Miller (right), president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, is congratulated by Mayor Albert Ison on his announcement that he was urging more and more realtors to take an active part in the community's leadership. (Herald photo)

Realty Board President Pledges Members to Lead Community

The Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors reported today that four of its members are currently using their special knowledge and skills to better serve Torrance through leadership in government and various civic, business and veterans organizations. The Realtors have pledged to do even more in the future.

"As members of the local board, Realtors are particularly cognizant of the problems of our community," Ken Miller, board president, said, as he directed attention to the observance of Realtor Week now under way here and throughout the nation.

"As civic leaders, they are doing much to solve these problems."

He pointed out that Nicholas Dralle is a member of the city council, while another member, H. J. Osborne, is on the important city planning and zoning commission.

AS OTHER examples of how Realtors are providing community leadership he noted that Rose Craig is on the park and recreation commission. Still other Realtors serve in key posts as the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. C. J. Ryan, Realtor, has served as chaplain of Tor-

School Budget Up for '59-'60

Although it appears that Torrance schools will need a \$9.75 million operating budget next year, there are a number of "ifs" in the financing of this sum, Superintendent J. H. Hull said this week.

Rising costs and higher enrollment will increase next year's school budget, he said. To maintain the present school program in the face of these increases, he said, would require:

1. At least a \$19 million increase in Torrance's assessed valuation.
 2. Approval of Governor Brown's budget, as it presently stands, with some increases in the amount of state support per pupil.
 3. An additional 8.5 cents of the override tax authorized by the voters in 1955.
- However, Torrance may have to raise salaries or its staff to keep up with other districts and with the cost of living, he said. Since about 85 per cent of the school budget goes for employe salaries, officials are eyeing the budget to find ways to stretch the school dollar.
- The school financial picture for Torrance is cloudy, he said. Officials are trying to avoid collecting all of the 75-cent override tax, because to do so might leave the district in a financial hole the following school year if no new taxes were authorized.

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Cal-Vet Loan Refinancing Deemed 'Still Not Possible'

Veterans Service Officer Sara R. Bridges said today she has been advised by officials of the "Cal-Vet" farm and home loan program that the handling of applications for refinancing loans still is not possible. And, she added, in view of the continued high rate of new loan applications it does not appear that the 17 district offices of the Farm and Home Purchases Division will be authorized to process any refinancing requests in the foreseeable future.

"In any case," the service officer emphasized, "the only refinancing requests that may be honored at some future date are those filed before July 3, 1957. The present State law expressly forbids the processing of any applications filed for refinancing since that date."

The law requires that the State Department of Veterans Affairs have funds available to it in excess of those needed to process all applications for

new purchases before consideration can be given to any of the eligible refinancing applications.

THE DEPARTMENT has announced it plans to issue veterans bonds at the rate of \$50,000,000 every 90 days. The present dollar volume of new purchases is exceeding this rate by 15 to 20 percent and is steadily increasing. "In other words," she said "new purchase applications continue to be received in quantities which will require use of all funds that can currently be made available."

"A veteran whose refinancing application is among those filed before July 3, 1957, therefore is advised against expecting any early action by his Farm and Home District Office on his loan request."

IT WAS pointed out, that "refinancing" does not include new loan applications for property purchases in which the veteran held no recorded interest at the time he filed. If he acquired possession of the home or farm while awaiting approval of his Cal-Vet loan, which involved other financing, his Cal-Vet loan request still is handled as a new purchase when his name is reached in the files, according to Miss Bridges.

Student Solves 2200 Problems On Single Sheet

Terming current college antics "silly," a group of sixth graders at Hamilton Elementary School, 2606 W. 182nd St., this week started their own "who can get the most into what" contest—with arithmetic problems.

Noting the number of college students who were trying to jam themselves into phone booths, Volkswagens, outrigger canoes, and the like, Miss Susan Mathews' class decided to see who could get the most arithmetic problems on a single, regular-sized piece of paper—and get them all correct. Accuracy was emphasized, as well as speed.

Linda Shoup, 11, was the winner in a breeze, as she managed to squeeze more than 2200 separate problems on a sheet. To ease the strain on her teacher's eyesight, Linda also brought along a giant magnifying glass. After considerable squinting, Miss Mathews declared Linda the winner.

"I LIKE our contest better," declared Helen Tombs, another member of the class. "Those college kids are silly."

"It gave us lots of good practice on our arithmetic and it was real interesting," said Ray Connors.

Miss Mathews, although suffering from eyestrain, declared, "I've never seen the children do so many different kinds of problems so fast—and get them right."

The contest also inspired a neighboring seventh grade class to try their own version of "who can get the most." Teacher Bill Nuckles read spelling words as fast as he could and the students tried to improve their speed and neatness in writing. Getting the words correct were Susan Creekmore and Marjorie Patty.

Obituaries

ARTHUR BRADSHAW

Funeral services for Arthur Frank Bradshaw, 74, of 2436 Gramercy Ave., will be held at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel Monday at 1 p.m. Mr. Bradshaw, a native of England, died April 16 after living here six years.

He is survived by his widow, Rose; three daughters, Mrs. Emily E. Rippstein of Torrance, Mrs. Rose Morris of Arkansas, and Mrs. Florence Beagley of Salt Lake City; three sons, Arthur, John, and Fred, all of Salt Lake City; and 10 grandchildren.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints of Torrance.

Interment will be in Green Hills Memorial Park.

Pool Fund Drive Starts Tomorrow

A kickoff drive to raise funds for a therapy pool for handicapped children attending Harlan Shoemaker School, 424 Weymouth Ave., San Pedro, will get under way at 10 a.m. tomorrow at the Palms Restaurant.

Goal of the Torrance fundraising drive will be to raise \$18,500 towards the therapy unit. Sixty local youngsters attend the school at the present time.

Co-chairmen of the drive in Torrance are George Vico and Sam Levy. Committee members include Dr. Chesley Houcke, Dr. Joseph Bay, Dr. William Davies, Dr. Fred Stange, Dick Pyle, Jim Becker, John Wedda, Fred Mills, Mrs. John Hackett, Mrs. Louise Magnun, Dick Bowman, Alex Mazza, and Dr. Bob Hoag.

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